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1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle within a vehicle network having a plurality of interconnected vehicles, said vehicle network receiving location specific information from a telematics provider comprising:

a positioning system generating a vehicle position signal;

a transmitter communicating the vehicle position signal to the plurality of vehicles within the vehicle network;

a receiver receiving the location specific information from a communications network outside the vehicle network, said transmitter coupling the location specific information to the network; and

a network controller maintaining a vehicle network connection with each of the plurality of vehicles in the vehicle network in response to the vehicle position signal.

2. (Original) A vehicle as recited in claim 1 further comprising a display coupled to the network controller, said display displaying said location-specific information.

3. (Original) A vehicle as recited in claim 1 wherein said network controller is coupled to a vehicle controller.

4. (Original) A vehicle as recited in claim 3 wherein said vehicle controller is coupled to a safety system generating a safety system signal, said transmitter transmitting said safety system signal.

5. (Original) A vehicle as recited in claim 3 wherein said vehicle controller is coupled to a security system generating a security system signal, said transmitter transmitting said security system signal.

6. (Original) A vehicle as recited in claim 3 wherein said vehicle controller is coupled to vehicle sensors generating vehicle sensor signals, said transmitter transmitting said vehicle sensor signals.

7. (Original) A vehicle as recited in claim 1 wherein said positioning system comprises a global positioning system.

8. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising:
a plurality of vehicles in communication forming a wireless vehicle network therebetween;

a communication network;

a telematics system coupled to the vehicle network through the communication network, said telematics system generating location specific information and coupling the location-specific information to said wireless vehicle network through said communication network, so that said vehicle information is provided each of said plurality of vehicles in the wireless vehicle network.

9. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 8 wherein each vehicle comprises a display coupled to each of the plurality of vehicles, said display displaying said location-specific information.

10. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 8 wherein said wireless vehicle network comprises a floating vehicle network.

11. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 8 wherein said wireless vehicle network comprises a Bluetooth network or a wide local area network.

12. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 8 wherein each of said plurality of vehicles comprises:

a positioning system generating a vehicle position signal;

a transmitter communicating the vehicle position signal to the plurality of vehicles;

a receiver receiving the location specific information;

a controller maintaining a vehicle network connection in response to the vehicle position signal.

13. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 12 further comprising a display coupled to the controller, said display displaying said location-specific information.

14. (Original) A vehicle as recited in claim 12 wherein said vehicle controller is coupled to a safety system generating a safety system signal, said transmitter transmitting said safety system signal.

15. (Original) A vehicle as recited in claim 12 wherein said vehicle controller is coupled to a security system generating a security system signal, said transmitter transmitting said security system signal.

16. (Original) A vehicle as recited in claim 12 wherein said vehicle controller is coupled to vehicle sensors generating vehicle sensor signals, said transmitter transmitting said vehicle sensor signals.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a communication network comprising:

generating communication signals among a plurality of vehicles to form a wireless network therebetween;

communicating location information from the wireless network to a telematics provider;

transmitting location-specific information from the telematics ~~provide~~ provider to said wireless network; and

distributing the location specific information among the plurality of vehicles within the wireless network.

18. (Original) A method as recited in claim 17 wherein at least one of said plurality of vehicles generates a safety system signal and transmits said safety system signal to the telematics system.

19. (Original) A method as recited in claim 17 wherein at least one of said plurality of vehicles generates a security system signal and transmits said security system signal to the telematics system.

20. (Original) A method as recited in claim 17 wherein at least one of said plurality of vehicles generates a sensor signal and transmits said sensor signal to the telematics system.